

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2002/07/29 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000800350009-6TOPIC Parchim Airfield 25X1AEVALUATION 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT early February 1953DATE OBTAINED 10 March 1953REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

1. The contract on improvement work at Parchim airfield, which was signed between the Soviet construction staff Werder and the Baununion Spree in January 1953, was handed over to the Werder construction staff in early February 1953. the old asphalt cover on the runway and taxiways at the field were to be removed and an insulating layer and a new concrete surface were to be laid. An estimated total of 310,000 square meters are to be concreted i.e. 180,000 square meters on the runway and 130,000 square meters on the taxiways, connecting lanes and dispersal areas. No large scale earth movements were necessary. Forty shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were also scheduled to be built. The moulds for the concrete slabs were shipped to Parchim from Brand airfield. No aboveground buildings were planned to be constructed.
2. Construction superintendent at the field was one Mueller (fnu), who previously was the chief of the State Security Ministry in Normannen Strasse. Work at the field will probably last two years because the removal of the old asphalt cover will take a rather long time.
3. In late January, about 20 workers of the Baununion Spree were detached to the field. Source learned in early February that the required construction material could not be made available because the Soviet construction staff in Werder had not yet received the necessary funds.

Comment. The information that improvement work at Parchim airfield will probably take two years appears rather long although the old concrete cover has to be removed.

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